

# CITT

## CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis

Lois Pope LIFE Center – 1095 NW 14 Terrace

7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

12:30 p.m.

### Summary of Minutes

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman  
Harold Braynon, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Henry Lee Givens  
Hon. Jorge Rodriguez-Chomat  
Miles Moss, P.E.  
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D.

Angel DeCoro  
Theodore Wilde  
Hon. James Reeder  
Rodney Sanders  
Hon. Linda Zilber

#### **ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT  
Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., CMO  
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT  
Patricia David, OCITT  
Nya Lake, OCITT  
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats  
Jose R. Gonzalez, City of Miami  
Leland Salomon, GSA  
Mayra Bustamante, MDT  
Robert Villar, Mayor's Office  
Donald March, Civilian Investigative Panel

Nestor Toledo, OCITT  
Maria E. Johnson, OCITT  
David Tinder, P.E., PWD  
Louis Foster, MDT  
Joanna Santiago, OCITT  
Marlene Amaro, OCITT  
Barbara Bravo, OCITT  
Chimene Graham, MDT  
Jeff Easley, RS&H  
Larry Lebowitz, Miami Herald  
John C. Prats, OCITT

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With a quorum present, Mr. Buoniconti called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m. Mr. Buoniconti stated that Action Items A and B will be on the consent agenda. Mr. Sanders asked that a discussion regarding the April 15, 2006, "Transit Hiring Process Checked" article from the Miami Herald be added to the agenda. Mr. Buoniconti requested that a discussion regarding Mr. John Cosgrove be added to the agenda. Ms. Markowitz stated that New Business would be added to the agenda with the discussion regarding Miami Herald article as "A" and Mr. John Cosgrove as "B." Mr. Moss moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the minutes of March 29, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Jeff Easley, Reynolds Smith and Hills, Vice President and South Florida Regional Director, Project Manager for the Feasibility Study of the Miami River Tunnel, City of Miami, provided a presentation on the feasibility study (study distributed). Mr. Easley stated that the Miami River Tunnel could be constructed, but at a considerable expense with marginal benefit.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

## **NEW BUSINESS/CITT MEMBER ISSUES**

Mr. Sanders inquired about the actions taken regarding Mr. Roosevelt Bradley and Ms. Beatrice Fullington. Dr. Bonzon informed Mr. Sanders that there is an ongoing investigation by the Inspector General's Office. Dr. Bonzon further stated that Ms. Fullington was terminated. Mr. Givens voiced his concern regarding the negative attention Mr. Bradley is receiving. In addition, Mr. Givens suggested that the CITT support Mr. Bradley and his numerous accomplishments. Mr. Libhaber advised the CITT that a vote supporting or disapproving Mr. Bradley's situation might be construed as a vote to continue or terminate Mr. Bradley's employment. Dr. Ward asked if the County Manager distributed a memorandum prior to the article in the Miami Herald. Ms. Markowitz stated that the County Manager sent a memorandum to Mr. Bradley. Dr. Ward requested a copy of the memorandum.

Mr. Buoniconti asked that a resolution be created in commemoration of Mr. John Cosgrove. Ms. Markowitz stated that in anticipation of the Board's request, the resolution is ready for approval by the CITT. Mr. Buoniconti suggested that a plaque be displayed in Mr. Cosgrove's honor. Mr. Givens requested that the CITT representatives from District 8 and 9, and the BCC representative from District 8 collaborate on a tribute to Mr. Cosgrove such as dedicating an overpass. Mr. Buoniconti read into record the resolution for Mr. Cosgrove. Dr. Ward moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent. Mr. Buoniconti moved that a plaque be displayed in honor of Mr. Cosgrove. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent. Ms. Zilber requested that Mr. Cosgrove family be invited to the unveiling of the plaque.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Buoniconti announced the next CITT meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 2 p.m., at SPCC, 111 NW 1 Street, Commission Chambers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

\*\*\*MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM\*\*\*

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